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[Original in possession of Mrs. Annie Hay, Farnum Lodge, Heswall,
Cheshire, England]

[Original letter donated to the John Muir School, Whittier, California].

To James and Hardy Hay

Cunard Royal Mail Steamship "Campania"
September 16, 1893,

[~~Addressed John~~, but ~~corrected in pencil~~]

James and Hardy Hay
and all the glorious company
about them, young and old.

Dear cousins:

I am now fairly off and awa from the old home to the new, from friends to friends, and soon the braid sea will again roar between us, but be assured however far I go in sunny California or icy Alaska, I shall never cease to love and admire you, and I hope that now and then you will think of your lonely kinsman, whether in my bright home in the golden state or plodding after God's glorious glaciers in the stormbeaten mountains of the north.

Among all the memories that I carry away with me this eventful summer none stand out in so divine a light as the friends I have found among my own kith and kin; Hays, Mathers, Lunams, Gilroys. In particular I have enjoyed and admired the days spent with the Lunams and you Hays. Happy, Godful homes; again and again while with you I repeated to myself those lines of Burns: "From scenes like these old Scotia's grandeur springs, that make her loved at home, revered abroad."

Don't forget me and if in this changing world you or yours need anything in it that I can give, be sure to call on

Your loving and admiring cousin,

John Muir.